ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

BLOCKING SPECIFIED UNREAD MESSAGES TO AVOID MAILBOX OVERFLOW

5   A system, system, and program for managing message storage are provided. A

messaging client receives new messages for an intended recipient. The messaging client controls

storage of these new messages in a message storage system of fixed capacity. The messaging

client monitors the usage percentage of the capacity of the message storage system. When the

messaging client receives a new message, the messaging client determines whether the sender

10   identifier of the message and the usage percentage match with a criteria for blocking messages as

set by the intended recipient. If the new message sender identifier and the usage percentage

match the criteria for blocking, then the messaging client blocks the message from being stored

in the message storage system, such that the intended recipient is enabled to specify blocking

preferences which are then implemented by the messaging client to avoid overflowing the

15   message storage capacity with less important unread messages.